

CHEFFY PASSIDOMO

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

Debbie S. Crockett



DEBBIE SINES CROCKETT is a member of the firm's litigation department, and she concentrates in the areas of commercial and construction litigation. Ms. Crockett is experienced in representing policyholders in litigation against carriers from the trial level through appeal, in both state and federal courts. She has considerable experience in assisting clients, mainly general contractors and subcontractors, with complex issues such as additional insured status, contractual indemnity, risk management, and other risk transfers mechanisms. She also reviews and revises construction contracts as to the insurance and indemnity provisions. Her practice includes all aspects and types of insurance recovery, including insurance denials, claim representation, and

both first and third party bad faith/extra-contractual claims.

Ms. Crockett moved from Maryland to Southwest Florida in 2004. Just prior to joining the firm, she was an equity partner in the law firm of Boyle, Gentile, Leonard and Crockett, P.A. in Fort Myers, Florida. She began her legal career as a prosecutor in the Baltimore City State Attorney's Office. Upon moving to Florida, she continued her commitment to public service by working as a CLI prosecutor in the Office of the State Attorney of the Twentieth Judicial Circuit in Naples.

Ms. Crockett is licensed to practice law in Florida and in Maryland.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

- Cheffy Passidomo, P.A., Tampa, FL, 2014 to Current
 - Attorney at Law
- Boyle, Gentile, Leonard & Crockett, P.A., Fort Myers, FL, 2005-2014
 - Attorney at Law & Equity Partner

- Twentieth Judicial Circuit State Attorney's Office, Naples, FL, 2004-2005
 - CLI Assistant State Attorney
- Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office, Baltimore, MD, 2002-2004
 - Assistant State's Attorney & Trainer
- Baltimore Development Corporation, Baltimore, MD, 2000-2002
 - Economic Development Officer
- Office of Baltimore City Council President, Sheila Dixon, Baltimore, MD, 1999-2000
 - Director of Community Outreach – Senior Staff
- Office of the Baltimore City Public Defender, Baltimore, MD, 1998
 - Rule 16 Student Attorney
- Maryland Governor's Office on Asian Pacific American Affairs, Baltimore, MD, 1997
 - Student Research Assistant
- Maryland State Delegate Gilbert J. Genn, District 16, Annapolis MD, 1996
 - Legislative Aide/Intern

EDUCATION:

- Juris Doctorate – University of Baltimore School of Law, January 1999
- Bachelor of Arts – Political Science, Salisbury University, May 1996

BAR ADMISSIONS:

- State of Florida, 2007
- State of Maryland, 2001
- United States Supreme Court
- United States Court Of Appeals – Eleventh Circuit
- United States District Court – Northern District of Florida
- United States District Court – Middle District of Florida
- United States District Court – Southern District of Florida

BAR MEMBERSHIPS & ACTIVITIES:

- American Bar Association
 - Tort Trial and Insurance Practice Section
 - Member 2016-current
- The Florida Bar
 - Standing Committee on the Florida Civil Procedure Rules
 - Member July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019
 - Trial Lawyers Section
 - Member 2007 to current
 - Appellate Practice Section
 - Member 2014 to current
 - Real Property, Probate & Trust Law Section (RPPTL)
 - Member 2016 to current
 - Insurance & Surety Committee
 - Construction Law Committee
- Maryland State Bar Association
- National Asian Pacific Bar Association (NAPABA)
 - Insurance Law Substantive Law Committee
 - Co-Chair June 2016-current
 - Solo and Small Firm Network (SSF)

- Member 2015 to current
 - Chair of SSF Bootcamp CLE Panel 2016: “The Muscular Side of Arbitration – How Solo and Small Firms Can Leverage the Unique Tools and Flexibility in Arbitration to Manage Cost and Efficiency of Dispute Resolution”
- Hillsborough County Bar Association (HCBA)
 - Community Service Committee
 - Member 2016 to current
 - Construction Law Section
 - Member 2013 to current
 - Diversity Committee
 - Member 2015 to current
 - Appellate Section
 - Member 2015 to current
 - Trial & Litigation Section
 - Member 2015 to current
- Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Tampa Bay
 - Board Member 2016 to current
 - Representative to the Florida Thirteenth Judicial Circuit Professionalism Committee 2016 to current
- Tampa Bay Inn of Court
 - Member 2015 to current
- St. Petersburg Bar Association
 - Member 2015 to current
- Carrollwood Bar Association
 - Member 2016 to current
- Florida Association for Women Lawyers
 - Member 2013 to current
- Collier County Association for Women Lawyers
 - Member 2015 to current
- Hillsborough Association for Women Lawyers
 - Member 2014 to current
- Lee County Bar Association
 - Member 2007 to current
- Collier County Bar Association
 - Member 2010 to current

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

- Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners (Florida)
 - Administrative Hearing Officer (volunteer) 2016 to current
- Pinellas County (Florida) Housing Authority
 - Administrative Hearing Officer (volunteer) 2016
- Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. Florida Gulf Coast Chapter
 - Member 2016 to current
- American Concrete Institute, Florida Suncoast Chapter
 - Member 2016 to current
- Korean Cultural Foundation, Inc.
 - Member 2015 to current

PRESENTATIONS:

- “Construction Insurance Claims: Consent Judgments and *Coblentz* Settlement Agreements”
 - Stafford Webinar – June 17, 2015
- “Ethics: You’re Fired... The Ethics of Dealing with Difficult Clients, Opposing Counsel and Co-Counsel”
 - NAPABA SE Regional Conference, Orlando, FL - June 12, 2015
- “Insurance Overview for Construction Law Lawyers: Part 1: Contracts to 558 Notices”
 - HCBA Construction Law Section, Tampa, FL – March 17, 2016
- “Insurance Overview for Construction Law Lawyers: Part 2: Claim, Correspondence and Conclusion”
 - HCBA Construction Law Section, Tampa, FL – April 21, 2016
- “Insurance Issue Spotting for the Small Firm & Solo Practitioner: Identifying and Tendering Insurance Claims”
 - NAPABA SSF Network Webinar - June 22, 2016
- “Insurance Issue Spotting: Identifying and Tendering Insurance Claims”
 - NAPABA SE Regional Conference, Arlington, VA - September 30, 2016
- “The Interplay of Additional Insured Coverage and Construction Contract Terms”
 - Florida Bar RPPTL Section, Construction Law Committee Webinar – September 12, 2016
- “The Muscular Side of Arbitration – How Solo and Small Firms Can Leverage the Unique Tools and Flexibility in Arbitration to Manage Cost and Efficiency of Dispute Resolution”, Moderator
 - NAPABA SSF Network – NAPABA Annual Conference, San Diego, CA - November 3, 2016

PUBLICATIONS, ARTICLES & BLOGS:

- “Rip & Tear Coverage under CGLs and Rip & Tear Exclusions”
 - HCBA The Lawyer Magazine – September/October 2016
- “Health Insurance Claim Denials 101”
 - blog.boylegentileblog.com November 28, 2012
- “Under the Sub’s Primary CGL, the GC Can Have Coverage as an AI for the GC’s Own Negligence”
 - HCBA The Lawyer Magazine – May 2012
- Time Magazine – Letter to the Editor
 - October 22, 2001, Vol. 158. No. 18

NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- 2007 Candidate for Cape Coral (Florida) City Counsel – District One
- 2000 Maryland State Delegate Samuel “Sandy” Rosenberg Public Service Scholarship
- 1997 Asian Pacific American Law Educational Fellowship